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PRISON IN S E?

Should the Federal government build a new prison on Eye St. between South Capital and New Jersey SE?

The overwhelming response of those attending the November ANC 2D meeting was a resounding "No!"

Residents objected to "dumping" another unpopular facility into their neighborhood, the prospect of increased security problems, and the conflict between prison use and other development plans for the area.

The Bureau of Prisons plan calls for a 1000-bed facility, about twice the sizes of similar prisons built around the country in recent years. ANC meeting attendees raised concern about the massive size of such a facility. They also questioned BOP promises that the prison would create jobs for area residents.

Following hearings in November on the environmental impact of the prison, the BOP plan will go to the National Capitol Planning Commission in January for its review.

Area residents who want more information should call ANC 2D at 554-1795.



Metropolitan Correctional Center in San Diego, Calif. is model for proposed facility in D.C.



John Wilson - D.C. City Council Chairman

JOHN WILSON SPEAKS ABOUT SOUTHWEST

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PORTAL PROMISES FUNDS TO CDC

Under terms of their Community Participation Plan, developers of the Portal Site say they will soon turn over a check for \$25,000 to the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation.

The check is supposed to be the first of 10 annual payments. The funds are earmarked to help the non-profit corporation to help it cover its administrative expenses.

The Portal developers include Portal Development Associates (which includes Western Development Corporation and the Anacostia Economic Development Corporation) and the San Francisco-based Fairmont Hotel.

SW TO BE FEATURED ON CHANNEL 32

"SOUTHWEST REMEMBERED", a new film eight years in the making by film maker Delores Smith, will be featured on **February 13th, 10 P.M. on Channel 32.** The film was premiered at the Hirshhorn Auditorium before a standing-room audience on the night of January 19th. Many of the SW residents shown in the film attended the gala event. "Southwest Remembered" tells the story of Urban Renewal in our area from the standpoint of the memories of many of our local residents and from archival pictures.

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SWNA/ANC

WHAT IS WILEY BRANTON CDC?

"What is the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation?" The joint ANC-SWNA Town Hall Meeting set for January 31 is slated to provide answers to this question.

The Town Hall Meeting will get underway at 7:30 pm. As usual, the meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church at Third and M Streets SW.

ANC and Assembly leaders, especially members of the Assembly's Youth Activities Task Force, who have formed the corporation will describe their work so far.

Although the WBCDC was incorporated in October last year, the organizers are still operating under an interim structure. Final decisions about the size of the board of directors and their manner of election are still open.


One purpose of the Town Hall meeting is to gather community reactions to alternative proposals for structuring the corporation on a permanent basis.

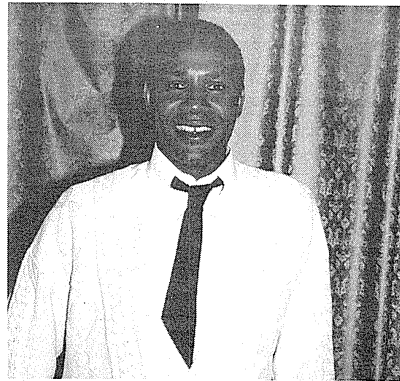
The "cdc" is a non-profit corporation. The organizers are now preparing an application to the IRS for recognition as a 501(c)(3) corporation.

WBCDC organizers include: Charlotte Brooks, Walter Brooks, John Curran, Margaret Feldman, C. W. Hargrave, Bonnie Johnson, Beryl Rice, Delmar Weathers, and Vivian Williams. The interim board of directors are Ron Britt, Barbara Hurlbutt, LaVerne Reeves, W. Lloyd Reeves, and Gottlieb Simon.

WILEY BRANTON CDC "MISSION STATEMENT"

"This corporation is organized for the purpose of improving the quality of life in the near Southwest and near Southeast communities by enabling residents of those areas to gain more control over their environment. The corporation shall be concerned with identifying community needs, identifying community resources, coordinating existing resources and developing new resources to meet community needs, providing funding for programs to meet the needs, and engaging in long-range planning to help forestall crisis situations and to enable the development of a strong community. The corporation shall seek to achieve its purposes by promoting opportunities for area residents to participate in the planning, financing, construction, operation, and management of economic developments in these communities. The corporation shall also seek to assist area residents in small business ventures, home ownership, employment, job training, meeting social welfare needs, and in other appropriate activities."

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Robert Dunbar

ANC Acts on Washington Cable Complaints

ANC 2D has written to the DC Council and the Office of Cable Television following on resident complaints about Washington Cablevision Inc.

Area residents complained to the ANC about the cable company's pricing policy, the quality of its signal and its programming, and its criteria for accepting (or rejecting) subscribers. After hearing some of the concerns, WCI said it was expanding its Black Entertainment Television programming.

Unlike the better known District Cablevision, Washington Cablevision cables do not cross city streets. WCI, therefore, does not come under the city's cable television regulations. As a result, subscribers, or would-be subscribers, have no government office where they can take their complaints.

In its letters to the DC officials, the ANC asks them to look into this problem.

DC COUNCIL "ABOLISHES" SW FREEWAY

Tucked away in the final legislative flurry of the 1990 DC Council was a bill renaming the Southwest Freeway. The highway's new name is the "Dwight David Eisenhower Freeway."

Technically the name change covers only the portion of I-395 between the 14th Street bridges and the 3rd Street Tunnel.

This is the second renaming of Southwest streets in the last year. Earlier a two block section of Canal Street was renamed Washington Avenue in honor of the state.

The name change was initiated by Eisenhower admirers who had long sought a memorial to the late president in the Nation's Capitol. The Council's action in approving the change was seen by some neighborhood residents as a price the Council was forced to pay to maintain good relations with powerful Republican leaders in Congress.

Significantly, the freeway, as well as the Southwest Urban Renewal Plan, was launched during Eisenhower's administration.

SWESTER SEEKS BUSINESS MANAGER

The Southwester needs a volunteer advertising manager to contact local businesses and be the contact for the Southwester. The job requires 2-3 hours a week. Like other jobs on the SWer, the job pays off in personal satisfaction and neighborly gratitude. If you're interested, or know someone who might be, call Margaret Feldman, 554-0242.

GROUP SEEKS OK FOR SE PARKING LOT

The Federal Center Limited Partnership has applied to the Board of Zoning Adjustment for special permission to turn 300 M street into a parking lot.

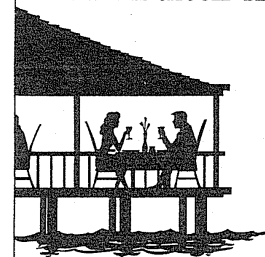
Representatives of the partnership have indicated that they want to provide parking for employees of the expanding Southeast Federal Center.

Residents of the senior citizen building, 410 M Street SE that adjoins the site, say they oppose turning it into a parking lot.

Zoning regulations allow parking on such sites if "the likely result will be a reduction in overspill parking on neighborhood streets." At the same time, the regulations require that the lot "serve residential use or short-term parking needs" in the area.

The issue will come before ANC 2D at its February meeting. There will be a hearing before the BZA at 2 pm on February 20 in Room 9 at the District Building.

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THROUGH THE EYES

JOHN WILSON SPEAKS ABOUT SOUTHWEST

by Gilbert Leggett

January 2, 1991, was a monumental date for all southwest residents. That was the day that one of our own neighbors made us very proud. On that glorious day, John Wilson was sworn in as City Council Chairman. Wilson has represented Ward 2 for the last 16 years on the council.

He and his wife Bonnie purchased their home on G Street, S.W., four years ago. Bonnie Wilson, a vice president of Bloomingdale's, is the general manager of its Tysons Corner store. They had lived in the Dupont Circle area for 20 years.

In the first of two exclusive interviews with the *Southwester*, John Wilson spoke candidly about southwest from his council chairman office: "I really like living in southwest. Most of the people here I knew already from River Park and Harbour Square. Southwest has to be the best kept secret in the city. It is convenient to everything. There is no urban environment anywhere that has the integrated mixture of people from all classes and races like southwest."

"I love the modern architecture in the constructions here. And I've always liked the sense of children in our neighborhood. I never lived around children before. We have really enjoyable neighbors."

Significant Contributions

"I guess the renovation of 1200 Delaware Avenue, our commitment at other public housing such as James Creek and Greenleaf Annex which is next. We have worked very hard. I've tried to make those along the waterfront happy by canceling Riverfest. The cancellation was not racially motivated, the event simply got too big for the area. My yard would get trashed along with other neighbors. People would be trapped in for the weekend. I was finally able to get the Mayor to understand and agree to cancel it."

"Other contributions have been with the heliport and keeping Pepco electrical rates down."

Popularity and Changes

"I really don't know. I guess it's because we do good constituency work. Everybody in the Ward is important to me."

"I would like to see more interaction between the housing developments in the area. Get rid of the factions."

S. W. Community

"One thing about our community, the people respond when necessary. I noticed that when issues are really important, the S. W. Neighborhood Assembly meetings are packed."



JOHN WILSON TALKS
ABOUT BEST KEPT
SECRET IN D.C.

"Look at how the community has come to the aid of the S. W. Community House. Also the contributions sent in for the S. W. Scholarship Fund."

"I think the Boys' Club does a great job with the kids in the area. Also, the educators at the schools in our area do a great job. People like Ms. White at Jefferson Junior High School really take charge and get the job done. Also, Ms. Hamlette at Amidon and Mr. Wells at Bowen."

"This is a community of people who are extremely busy. You can't live in southwest and not work. You couldn't afford it."

Rising Housing Cost

"This area is much more affordable than many of the areas in D.C. It costs more to live in Dupont Circle or Georgetown. Yes, prices are out of control. Assessed values have gone up. Other than public housing, there is nothing we can do about it. HUD sets the rent ceilings. I do think that property values will be leveling off soon."

Racial Polarity

"Civic leaders would lead you to believe so, but I really don't think the community is racially polarized."

Area Minority Business

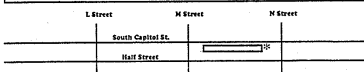
"Today's economy really makes it hard on minority business. Many blacks just don't have the capital to withstand. Although I think that you will see more businesses along the 4th Street corridor in the future."

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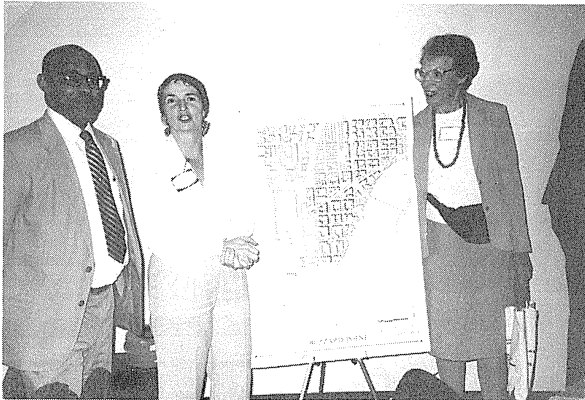
"I always wanted to be in public office. I've worked hard and enjoyed serving the people."

"I will be very involved in Ward 2. Southwest and Ward 2 will be better off now that we'll have two people on the council that will represent the ward. Ward 4 had four members on the council that live in that area."

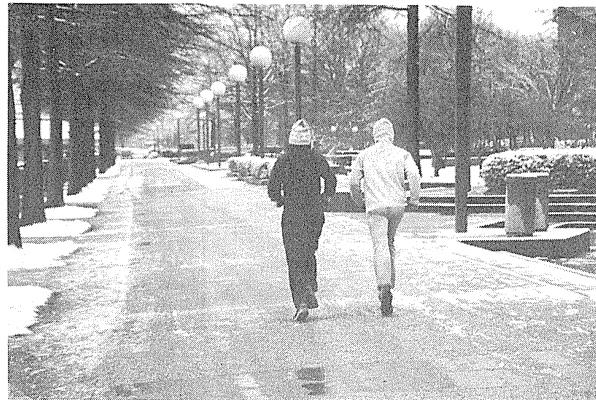
The *Southwester* and the entire S.W. community extends our congratulations on your humongous feat. We send our sincerest blessings to you, John Wilson, and your family. We are extremely elated at your accomplishments and wish you continued success as you serve us and the city to the very best of your ability. You have always conquered the challenges and we'll all stand a bit taller for what you've done.

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Participants at Buzzard Point Conference



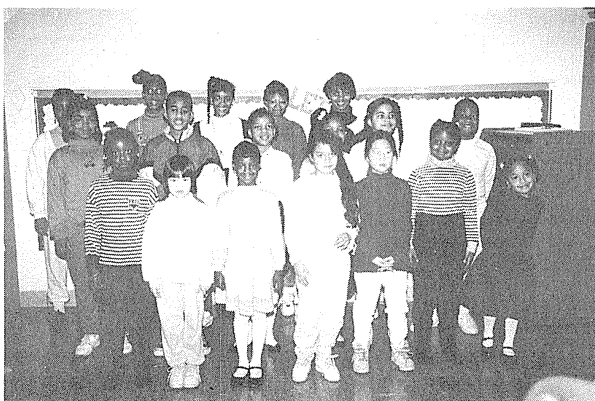
S.W. joggers in the snow



S.W. garden after snow



Kids at play in the snow



Gifted and Talented students at Amidon



S.W. Residents at ANC Meeting in area shown



Shoveling out of the snow



Ladies leaving S.W. Health Clinic



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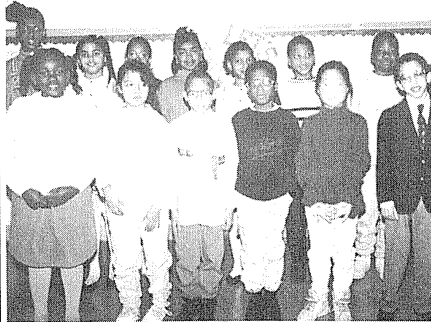
Laura Howell

HOWELL SELECTED AS AMTRAK'S 1990 YWCA ACHIEVER

Southwest resident Laura M. Howell was recently selected as Amtrak's 1990 YWCA Academy of Women Achievers. The coveted award is an honorary distinction that recognizes women of exceptional achievement who have been nominated by business, labor and non-profit organizations. Howell, a veteran employee of Amtrak, is currently the director of User Services and Support. She was selected as the company's honoree because of her dedicated service to Amtrak and her many achievements while serving as a member of Amtrak's management team. According to Amtrak Senior Official Lean McLaurin, "Howell has helped fellow employees on her own initiative and volunteers to help people in her community while continuing to excel in her work at Amtrak". Recognizing a need to help entry-level fellow employees advance, Howell was instrumental in helping to develop and inspire a corporate mentor program. As a result of this program, 15 women have been promoted to positions of greater responsibility.

In the community, Howell basically maintains a low profile. However her behind-the-scenes efforts have made a tremendous impact in the lives of many Southwest youth where she actively supports the SWNA Youth Activities Task Force. In addition she helps to develop youth spiritually through her efforts as a youth education teacher at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

Howell's efforts doesn't stop there, she has been an active volunteer at the Harriet Tubman Center for Homeless Women in Washington, D.C.



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EDITORIAL

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Dear Dr. Rosen:

My brother is gay. My wife and I and all the rest of our family accept both him and his companion, believing that homosexuality is not a choice. My problem is that sometimes when they babysit for my three and a half year old son they lie on the couch together to watch television, showing some signs of affection such as an occasional kiss. How accepting should we be of such behavior in front of our child? Would acceptance of this behavior send signals to our son that it is fine to experiment with members of the same sex when he gets older? And how will we explain all of this to him?

Dear Parent:

Thank you for your lucid and thought-provoking question (which I have, unfortunately, had to cut in the interest of space). Not many people could have put the situation as clearly as you. You have opened to the light of day a subject far too long kept hidden.

You ask whether, by allowing your brother and his companion/lover to be amorous on the living room couch while ostensibly performing a job for you, you are subtly telling your son that you approve of homosexual experimentation for him at a later age.

Would you feel differently if they were a heterosexual couple? Have you invited them to expand their loving relationship or have you asked them to do a job for you? This job is to feed your child, quietly entertain him for some prescribed time, have a favorite story which he has chosen, read to him and then peacefully and happily lead him off to bed.

Baby-sitting is an extremely important job, one that requires strict attention throughout its duration. At how

many jobs are the workers allowed to bring their friends and lovers? If they are allowed this privilege (the parents I used to baby-sit for always cautioned me NOT to have anyone else in their home while I was baby-sitting for them), how much attention can they be paying your child if they are lying on the couch, watching TV and carrying on whatever their relationship demands?

Looked at in this way, the issue is not homosexuality or heterosexuality. It is, rather, a matter of commitment to one's employer and to the child.

Your child needs to observe and experience a loving and warm relationship between his parents. He needs to observe and learn one of the old time, but always relevant, values of the Protestant Work Ethic—when one undertakes to do a job, for remuneration or not, it should be done to the best of our ability, with full concentration on the task.

Besides, your child needs the same kind of bedtime rituals and behavior that he has been accustomed to by his parents. So, explain to all of your baby sitters what his bedtime is like and ask them to adhere as much as possible to his familiar ways.

Marion C.

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Rosen, Ed.D.

December 1990

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

January 14, 1991

Dear Editor:

Now the war has begun, this speaks to our neighbors in Southwest, who have:

* incredulously, watched the build-up in the Persian Gulf of U.S. personnel and weapons, including the biggest nuclear arsenal in history.

* watched with mounting alarm the social fabric of this nation torn apart with the dispatch of reservists, men and women, leaving their children and their jobs in health services, schools, and local and state governments that provide for the general welfare of the American people;

* heard the testimony of wise and experienced diplomats and military officials including former Secretaries of State and Defense say diplomacy, sanctions rather than force, should be used in the Persian Gulf;

* listened to the eloquent opposition of 47 Senators and 183

Members of the House to President Bush's arbitrary January 15 date to use force instead of wait for sanctions to persuade Saddam Hussein to withdraw troops from Kuwait.

To all of you, who want the president and his administration to shift from targeting anti-aircraft batteries, from slaughtering thousands of innocents, and further destabilizing the governments of the Near East, to focusing on the evils here at home, of hunger and homelessness, illiteracy and disease, drugs and violence, to investing our tax dollars in energy conservation, to dismantling our military-industrial complex and to building a strong de-militarized economy like Germany and Japan, **WE URGE YOU TO JOIN US IN PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS IN COMING WEEKS. CALL THE WASHINGTON PEACE CENTER (PH.202 234 2000) for a calendar of events.**

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Randall Shelter opened July 23, 1990, under the direction of the D.C. Government; the shelter is now under the authorization of Catholic Charities.

The shelter has a drug and alcohol treatment division at Karrick Hall, located at St. Vincent DePaul on Massachusetts Avenue.

Drug specialists assist the homeless through a 28-day program to help patients for any dependency. This particular shelter doesn't just house the homeless, but also helps in straightening out their lives. Clients are bussed to the shelter. Many have commented on the improvements at the shelter.

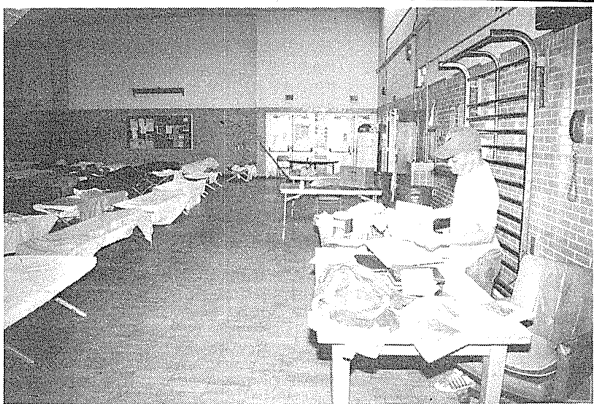
Patients must attend a certain number of meetings before leaving phase one. They pursue transitional housing while learning how to live on their own.

In the past when crimes occurred in southwest, police officials normally came by the shelter first. Since reopening, very seldom have police found anyone at the shelter involved criminally. "Clients are here for help. They must follow the rules and regulations. I enjoy the people and think the new format is very good," says Robert Walker, manager of the shelter.

The facility is open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and houses men only. The shelter tries to provide room for everyone, especially if the weather is severe. Clients in the program that have jobs are reserved a bed. Emphasis is on improvement of life. There are no restrictions as to race, religion, ethnic group or marital status.

Pastor Henry J. Franklin of Second Baptist Church commented: "The main purpose of the shelter is to help somebody in need. Life is like a wheel, one side may be up today but tomorrow it might be down."

The *Southwester* extends prayers to every shelter throughout the city and our own Randall Shelter. God be with you all.



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PASTORS' CORNER SOUR GRAPES - SOUR TASTE

by the Reverend Harold S. Goers
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In the Old Testament, Ezekiel 18, one finds these words, "The parents ate sour grapes, but the children got the sour taste." Sour grapes - sour taste, the words ran over and over in my brain like an infantile rap singer.

The passage of Scripture goes on to deliver the message from the Sovereign Lord that this proverb no longer holds power over the children of Israel, because "the life of every person belongs to me (Sovereign Lord), the life of the parent as well as that of the child."

The lives of all persons belong to the Lord, but, it seems to me, the words "sour grapes - sour taste" still hold power over the children of our great urban centers such as Washington, D.C.

"Sad as it may be, the truth is that for the most part, American society views the poor through a "sour grape" filter which usually blames poverty upon its victims; and often those within these communities of poverty have bought into (or brought?) the same "sour grapes" judgement upon their lives," says Rev. Margaret Hertz-Lane, writing in *JUST CITIES*.

The Church, however, has a new word to say on this subject which needs to be heard by society at large. It is this -- "The life of every person belongs to me (says the Lord), the life of the parent as well as that of the child."

The life of a baby born of a mother whose life is centered on crack need not be defined by that as his/her only reality. The adult child of an alcoholic parent is not restricted by the pain of his/her parent. Life tied to the rhythm of the welfare system is not the necessary conclusion of being reared in that system. But for all these situations to change, people must have hope that change is possible.

Both the Old and the New Testaments of the Bible point to the reality and power of change in the lives of people. Such hope for finding help to change one's situation is offered in many ways through

the various programs in the Temple and churches of Southwest D.C. Most of these programs need more volunteers to help bring the services which engender hope in people. In Southwest congregations, you will find after-school programs for children of high risk, tutoring programs, delivery of meals to AIDS victims, visitation to the homebound, for the elderly, and many other services. Please call me, or any of the other pastors or Rabbi in the Southwest to find out how you can remove the sour taste in many people's lives and offer new encouragement and hope in the year ahead.

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PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARD

As a part of the attendance improvement efforts at Van Ness Elementary School, a variety of incentives and special projects have been implemented to encourage improved attendance and to recognize excellent attendance. At a special assembly program during the month of December, BOBBIE ALLEN, a third grade student was presented a bicycle in recognition of perfect school attendance for 4 1/2 years. The Bicycle was donated by an employee of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Van Ness Elementary School was adopted by USDA in 1984.

HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS FAIR

Jefferson Jr. High hosted the 4th Annual High School Option Fair in December. Featured representatives from local public, private and parochial schools attended. Students and parents were able to discuss and consider the future educational plans with educators from all over the Metropolitan Area. Participating schools were:

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The following excerpts were taken from the book SOUTH AND WEST OF THE CAPITOL DOME, by Richard F. Ward. The SOUTHWESTER is grateful to Ms. Mignon I Coates for her assistance in this series.

Chapter 1 WASHINGTON

The Southwest area of Washington D.C. is probably the most beautiful of the city's four quadrants, certainly the smallest, and definitely the most planned. But how did it start? What was here before? What did it look like in the old days? In short, what is the history of the Southwest part of Washington, D.C.?

The story begins with the Indians--the Manahoacs, the Monacans. These tribes are in an alliance with each other to protect themselves against the Powhatans. The population of the Manahoacs, (later known as the Tuscaroras), dwindles in the middle 1600s and they move west to join the Iroquois. This quote from an old atlas tells much of the story of the Southwest's early days.

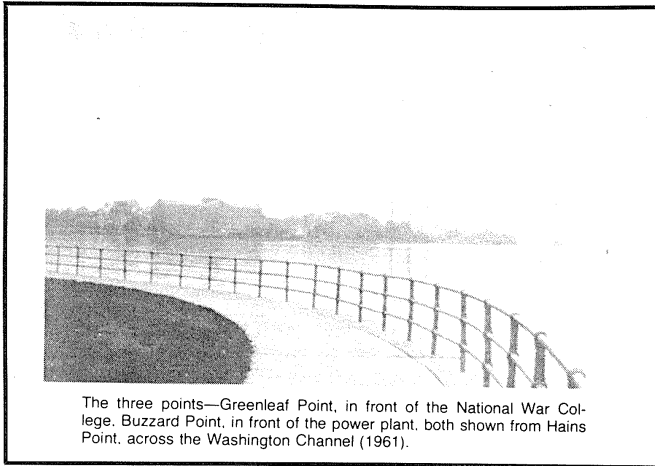
The valley at the foot of the Capitol Hill, washed by Tiber Creek, the Potomac and the Eastern Branch, it is stated on the authority of some of the early settlers, was periodically visited by the Indians; who maned it their fishing ground; and that they assembled there in great numbers in the spring months to procure fish. Greenleaf's Point was the principal camp and the residence of the chiefs, where councils were held among the various tribes thus gathered together. The coincidence of the locations of the National Legislature, so near the site of the council house of an Indian nation, cannot fail to excite interesting reflections in the mind of the intelligent reader.

It is highly probable that General Washington was acquainted with this tradition. (Atlas of 15 Miles AROUND Washington, G.M. Hopkins, 1887, p. 24)

I wonder if the fishermen down at Hains Point today, with their lines and nets realize who beat them to the spot by three hundred years or so!

Before going further, I should define more precisely the borders of the Southwest. A line drawn from the Capital dome west to the Virginia shore would be the northern boundary of the area and another line from the dome to the Anacostia River (formerly known as the Eastern Branch) would be the eastern line. So, generally, the Mall (Constitution Avenue), the Potomac River, the Anacostia River, and South Capital Street are the area's limits. The far Southwest across the Anacostia River is not included in this work.

Before the city is established as the nation's capital in 1791, the District of Columbia area is mostly pasture, farmland, and swamp. Coming down the Potomac River, the shores of the river are much as they will be in 1975 to the point where the future Constitution Avenue will be. Here the river shore turns eastward along where the avenue will eventually be. Tiber Creek flows into the river at about where Fifteenth Street and Constitution Avenue will cross. The Tiber's mouth is about as wide as the Mall will be.



The three points—Greenleaf Point, in front of the National War College. Buzzard Point, in front of the power plant, both shown from Hains Point, across the Washington Channel (1961).

The Potomac's eastern shore continues south to where Fifteenth and D Street Southwest will be and then along the future Maine Avenue to Greenleaf Point (Fort McNair). West and East Potomac Park, the Tidal Basin, and Hains Point are all a creation of man at a later date.

There are several towns and townships in the area, the largest of which is Georgetown. In the Southwest, along the Eastern Branch from what will be South Capitol Street to Buzzard Point is the town of Carrolsburg. Early maps show three streets running generally northeast to southwest parallel to the waterfront and six or eight short streets at right angles to these. Actually, although the town's plots are officially recorded, it is a "paper" town. Daniel Carroll is a largest landholder in early Maryland. He owns the land east of Goose Creek and James Creek (also called St. James Creek). Goose Creek flows from the northeast into the future District of Columbia area. At what will be Third Street on the Mall, the creek divides. The portion flowing west to the Potomac, roughly along the line that the future Constitution Avenue will take,

is renamed Tiber Creek by a man names Pope who calls his farm "Rome". The stream flowing south and entering the Eastern Branch between Greenleaf Point and Buzzard Point is James Creek. Carroll's land contains a high hill, Jenkin's Hill, which is destined to become Capital Hill. Other early landowners of the Southwest are David Burns, whose property is along the north bank of Tiber Creek and runs east to James Creek, and Notley Young. Young's land is on the shores of the Potomac south of Burns's place and goes down to Greenleaf Point and as deep as perhaps Third Street. It is known as Duddington Pasture.

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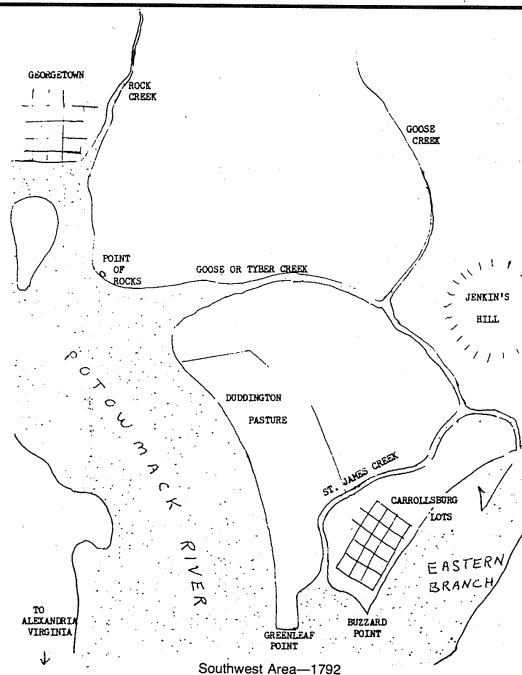
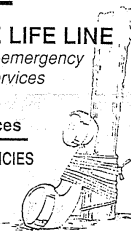
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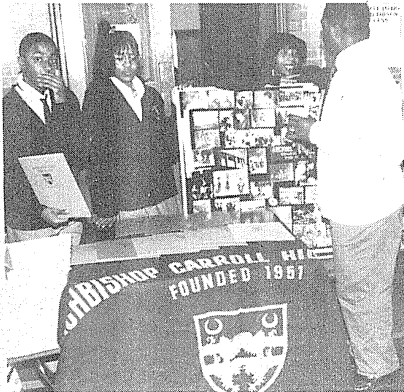
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Jefferson Principal Vera White greets students and parents



Jefferson students at High School Option Fair

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Joyi Rice of 7-109, winner of the Frederick Douglass Oratorical Contest for the 1989-1990 school year will enter the competition again this year at the Frederick Douglass Home.

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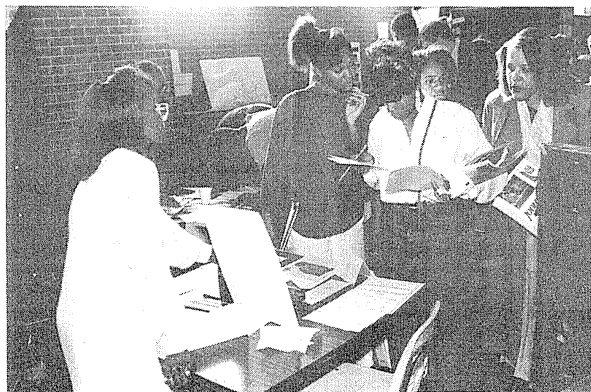


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Jefferson students ponder their future